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SUBJECT: SOVIET ARMS FOR YEMEN

REF:SANA 2364

1. SALIM BASINDWA TOLD CHARGE JULY 24 THAT YEMENIS
"NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT" FURTHER DELIVERIES OF MAJOR
MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM SOVIET UNION. HE SPECIFICALLY
SAID YEMEN WOULD NOT TAKE MIG'S 21 EVEN IF SOVIETS BROUGHT
THEM TO HODEIDA AND HE WENT ON TO SAY THIS IS
A DECISION FROM THE PRESIDENT HIMSELF.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION SALIM WAS EXTREMELY PLEASED TO
LEARN THAT THE SUADIS HAD MOVED WITH SUCH ALACRITY
TO MAKE THE INITIAL DEPOSIT OF FUNDS AGAINST THE
SALE CASES WHICH YAR PRESIDENT HAMDI SIGNED
THE SECOND WEEK OF JUNE.

COMMENT: SALIM IS UNTESTED SOURCE IN THIS FIELD BUT IS CAREFUL
AND VERY WELL-PLACED MINISTER WHO WOULD KNOW, FOR INSTANCE,
EVERYTHING WHICH SAUDIS HAVE BEEN TOLD.

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